relevant factors including the implication for shifting of the alignment through "Son Chiraiya" Sanctuary are to be taken care while finalizing the proposal.

Upgradation of Coastal Highway as NHs in Gujarat

2726. SHRI RAJUPARMAR:
SHRIBRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that though Gujarat has 25 per cent of the country's coast line with many ports, the Coastal Highways along this coast has not been upgraded to National Highway;

(b) if so. the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government plan to correct this anomaly and if so, the likely period in which its upgradation is planned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETT).) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (c) The declaration of any road as National Highway depends not only on the consideration that it runs along the coast connecting ports but on several other considerations including traffic needs, inter-se priority on all India basis and availability of resources. Notwithstanding the above, a length of approximately 362 kms. running along the coast line in Gujarat has already been converted into National Highway.

Performance of Transport Sector

2727. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA : Will)e Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that transport sector has performed well below its target during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to meet the target in coming years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.)B.C. KHANDURI): (a) No target for performance in Road Transport Sector is fixed by the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.